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Minutes of October 1, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Wholrabe, Goodrick, Smith, Morice, Miller, Heyduck, Wiseman, Ozier, Coon, Stevens, Perkins, Sullivan, Janes, Sutton ABSENT: Norberg

VISITORS: Don Dolton EIU campus President UPI/BOG, Bill Dennis EASTERN NEWS

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From VPAF Armstrong, request for information on campus security. (W9/20/85; R9/25/85)
2. From Director of University Relations Thornburgh, report on status of EIU Foundation and the Distinguished Faculty Award. (W9/20/85; R9/26/85)
3. From President Rives, revised statement on CUPB ~~and~~ request for naming the five faculty members to serve thereon. (W9/20/85)
4. From J. Nielson, WIU faculty senator, telephone report on WIU's Faculty Senate reaction to draft set of BOG Bylaws and Governing Policies changes. (9/25/85)
5. From DUR Thornburgh, request for information on the Faculty Senate Forum on Divestiture in South Africa. (W9/24/85, R9/26/85)
6. From Director of Testing Services Herb Bartling, memo clarifying definitions of "evaluation" and "assessment". (W9/23/85, R9/27/85)

Corrections to the minutes of September 17, 1985; 1) New Business; item 2, line 2, change "Western Illinois" to "Governors State": item 1, line 2-3, replace "Norberg ...members," with "Dolton was". 2) Unfinished Business: The chair ruled that this section should be struck from the minutes and will appear in the future as a formal agenda. Motion (Wiseman, Heyduck) to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Committee Reports:
 - 1) Installment Plan for Student Tuition and Fees. The committee will meet with student members present in two weeks.
 - 2) Divestiture in South Africa. The committee reported that:
 - A. A new speaker, Bola Adana who received his doctorate from the University of Virginia and is currently on the faculty at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria will speak during the Forum on the position of other african nations on the issue of apartheid. He is a former student of one Eastern Faculty Senate member.
 - B. Contact with the office of DUR Thornburgh revealed that neither he nor any member of the Foundation would be present during the Forum because the Foundation will be meeting that day. A senator had, through the Foundation office, contacted Mr. Jim Roberts, a vice-president of the Foundation Board, who restated his inability to attend but who sent the committee a series of seven articles he has written concerning his experiences on trips to South Africa.
 - C. The EIU debate team will debate the various sides of the issue at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 1985 as part of the Forum.
 - D. Reverend Cramer-Heurman will speak to the problems involved at 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, 1985, a national day of recognition on diverstiture.
 - 3) Student Senate-Faculty Senate Executive committee meeting. Items on which mutual concern and interest was wxpressed included: faculty evaluation by students, an issue closed to the Faculty Senate; composition of student-faculty boards; installment plan for student tuition and fees; divestiture in South Africa.

- 4) Executive Committee meeting with President Rives. An exchange of views was reported on the proposed Chancellor system, campus security, and the direction the Senate is taking in both areas.
2. Graduate course utilization of Textbook Rental Service. Sutton reported that the Council on Graduate Studies is conducting a series of hearings in this area. Senate members expressed their concerns and some of their related experiences in graduate use of textbooks under the current policies. The major issues appear to be cost and currency of materials. One senator indicated that the current system appears to encourage faculty not to keep current in their field of teaching. After some discussion the chairperson indicated that she would invite Dr. Buchanan, who chaired an earlier study committee on textbook rental, to speak to the Faculty Senate and follow that invitation with one to Dr. McNitt, who initiated the current petition, to speak to the Faculty Senate.
3. IBHE course-specific admissions requirements. A resolution (Sutton, Coon) was made that:

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Illinois University opposes the course-specific entrance requirements proposed by the IBHE. Our Council on Academic Affairs has carefully and competently considered our entrance requirements; and continually seeks to assure the academic integrity of our institution in this respect. We support the continuation of this process, and see no need for central interference. This is especially true in light of recent significant improvements in ACT scores in the region, state, and nation. Since there has not been time for schools to add "more of the same" to their curriculum since the impact of the publishing of, A Nation at Risk, apparently, the answer to attaining excellence in education lies in other directions.

Discussion followed. The chair ruled that this issue is controversial, therefore discussion will be continued next week.

4. Revised statement on the Council on University Planning and Budget. Items in the revised statement that were initiated during the Faculty Senate open discussion with President Rives on September 10th include:

An increase in faculty membership from four to five.

An increase in the length of faculty terms to three years.

A rotating system for faculty members assuring continuity.

A voting position for the Faculty Senate chairperson.

Non-voting positions of the President and Vice Presidents.

The CUPB shall meet at least twice a semester.

Publishing the CUPB agenda in advance of the meeting.

Distributing information about CUPB meetings to faculty and staff.

Motion (Moice, Goodrick) that the nominations committee recommend a fifth CUPB appointee at this time and recommend how appointments are to be selected.

Motion passed. Motion (Wiseman, Sutton) that after the initial appointment of five members to the CUPB that future members shall be elected through the Faculty Senate nomination/election process. Motion (Stevens, Coon) to table the motion. Motion to table passed.

5. Proposed BOG change to a Chancellor system. A committee to write a position paper, by next week, was appointed by the chairperson. Stevens, Goodrick, Ozier were appointed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dolton spoke to the Faculty Senate requesting their support for the Saturday, November 2, 1985 AFT/BOR Conference on The State of Our Public Universities to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. After some discussion a motion (Perkins, Sullivan) was made that the Faculty Senate encourage faculty to attend. Motion passed. Motion (Miller, Stevens) that the Faculty Senate send a representative to the conference with travel and registration expenses to be reimbursed. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00 p.m. October 8, 1985 in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King University Union.